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25X1 1. Air Force General Staff in the Ministry of National
Defense (MNO), PRAGUE. *

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a. CG: Div Gen Alois VICHREK.b. Organization:

I Department: Operations

II Department: Reconnaissance

III Department: Signal Communications

IV Department: Personnel

V Department: Counter Intelligence (OZ)

VI Department: Supplies.

c. Assigned Units: I through IV Air Corps and an air
transport regiment.2. I Air Corps, in PRAGUE. (Cadre unit without personnel)a. CO: Probably Lt.Col (Gen Staff) Franz FAJTL **.b. Assigned Units: 1st Air Div, in PRAGUE-KBELY
(O 51/L 89).c. Units Assigned to 1st Air Div:Fighter Regt with three squadrons, in PRAGUE-KBELY ***
Fighter Regt (cadre unit)"Thomas Garigue Masaryk" Recn Regt No 41, in MILOVICE
(O 51/G 10)Training Squadron No 1, in PRAGUE-KBELY. (Investi-
gation of air accidents within the division, arranging
additional training for pilots who had had accidents,
and performing courier missions for the division head-
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3. II Air Corps, in C. BUDEJOVICE (O 49/J 96)
(Cadre unit, without personnel)a. Command: Ø

CO: Lt Col Johann KLAN

Deputy CO: Lt Col Josef KOLEMBUS

b. Assigned Units: 2d Air Div in C. BUDEJOVICEc. Units assigned to 2d Air Div:

Fighter regiment of three squadrons, in C. BUDEJOVICE

Fighter regiment (cadre unit)

Recn Regt No. 42, in TABOR (O 50/M 01) (cadre unit)

Training squadron No 2, in C. BUDEJOVICE

Bmr Regt No 25, three squadrons, in PILSEN (N 50/L 04)
øøøø4. III Air Corps, in BRNO (P 50/N 40).
(Cadre unit, without personnel)a. Command: (X)

CO: Lt Col (Gen Staff) Ivan HALUZICKY

Chief of Staff: Staff Capt (Gen Staff) Stefan GALBAVY

Chief of I Department: Staff Capt Julius DROZD

b. Assigned Units: 3rd Air Div in BRNOc. Units assigned to 3rd Air Div:

Fighter regiment with three squadrons, in BRNO

Fighter regiment (cadre unit)

Recn Regt No 43, three squadrons, in PREROV (P 50/O 0)

Training Squadron No 3, in BRNO.

5. IV Air Corps, in BRATISLAVA (P 49/K 99)

(Cadre unit, without personnel)

a. CO: Col Julius TREKA (K)b. Assigned Units: 4th Air Div in TRENCIN (P 49/T 58)c. Division Headquarters Personnel:

I Department: Viktor OVACHO

II Department: unknown

III Department: Capt Ladwig OLICHON

IV Department: Lt (?)

V Department: Capt Johann SLEMBENSKY

VI Department: Staff Capt Johann MAJARKA

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Reconnaissance officer: Capt Dusan SLAVKOVSKY

Sports officer: Staff Capt Franz SLADCEK

d. Division headquarters: Air Corps Building in
TRENČIN-SINOT.

e. Units assigned to 4th Air Div:

(1) "Zvolensky" Ftr Regt No 1, in PRI DOBY (4 49/C 74).
CO: Maj Vladimir KRACKO

(2) "Tesinsky" Ftr Regt No 2, in PLESTANY (P 49/T 44).

Personnel not yet assigned, but 20 La-7s, with tail
wheels removed, available at the PLESTANY airfield.

(3) "General Stefanik" Recon Regt No 44, in PLESTANY.

(a) Command:

CO: Staff Capt Johann SALAS

OZ officer: Capt Karol HARVAN

CO of 1st squadron: Capt Johann PAVLOVIC.

(b) The regiment had only two squadrons, the third being
a cadre unit. It was equipped with eight twin-engine
Siebels, ten Fieseler Storchs, and five Pipers.

(4) "Opavsky" Air Regt No 30, in TRENČIN.

(a) Command:

CO: Lt Col Rudolf GALBAVY

Deputy CO: Maj Johann VRŠANASKY

CO of one squadron: 1st Lt Josef BOREMISA

Deputy Squadron Leader: 2d Lt Andreas MAULIS

Engineer: Staff Capt Michael RYBAR.

(b) The regiment had only two squadrons, the third being
a cadre unit. It was equipped with eighteen Il-2s. It
received 15 newly-promoted lieutenants and about 25 NCOs
in June 1948.

(5) Training Squadron No 4, in PLESTANY.

(a) CO: 2d Lt OMDRIS

(b) The squadron had 4 La-5s, 4 Arado-96s, 2 Alouettes,
4 Pipers, 2 Fieseler Storchs and 4 Buecker-C-4s.6. Air Transport Regiment in PRAGUE-KBSLYEquipped with Ju-52 and DC-3 transports, which were pro-
bably scheduled to transport paratroopers in the event
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7. The cadre units mentioned were scheduled to be converted into regular units, in accordance with available personnel and material. The initial organization of further air corps and air divisions was scheduled in the event of war.

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Comment:

The basic organization of the Czechoslovakian Air Force, as described in this report, was known. The most essential item of information is the confirmation of the existence of the 30th Air Regt in PRAGUE, which was first reported in June 1949.(z)

- * It is unlikely that there is an independent General Staff of the Czechoslovakian Air Force. The term "General Staff" of the Air Force" designates the Air Force Department within the General Staff of the Army. Only five departments have been known to exist within this General Staff, the existence of a VI Department being reported for the first time.

** mentioned in a newspaper report of July 1947. Assignment reported for the first time.

*** Probably the 10th Ftr Regt.

Ø Col HLADO had been believed to be CO of the 2d Air Div. Lt Col KOLEMBUS was formerly CO of the 2d Air Regt, in PILSEN.

ØØ The 42d Air Rcn Regt has been believed to be in PILSEN.

ØØØ Assignment of the 25th Air Regt to the 2d Air Div was reported for the first time. It was previously assumed that this regiment and the 24th Air Regt were assigned to the 6th Air Div. It remains to be clarified whether the 6th Air Div and the 24th Air Regt have been deactivated.

- (X) g. The officers mentioned as members of the III and IV Air Corps are not listed in our files. The following personnel of the IV Air Corps were known:

Staff Capt SAMAS, formerly Deputy CO of the 2d Ftr Regt
Lt Col GALBAY (from press reports)
1st Lt BORNEMISA, mentioned as a squadron leader in the 30th Air Regt in a previous report. (zz)

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